1	2	3	4	5
15.	Punjab	12123	962	131137
16.	Rajasthan	23727	1682	74511
17.	Tamilnadu	17845	890	163375
18.	UP (East)	46492	1212	88624
19.	UP (West)	23531	722	18461
20.	West Bengal	19997	782	136409
21.	Calcutta Telephones	421	0	0
22.	Delhi	191	0	0
	Total :	374605	21557	1910967

Conversion of port exchanges

†2628. SHRI MONOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed a target in the year 1998 to upgrade all the existing C-128 port exchanges to C-256 port exchanges by the year 2000 in the interest of the consumers; and

(b) if so, the present position in this regard together with the measures being taken to achieve the target within the stipulated time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In November, 1998, DTS decided to upgrade all the C-128 exchanges to C-256P by March, 2000 subject to supply of upgradation kits. Purchase orders for required number of upgradation kits have been placed by the field units. However, due to delay in supply it has been possible to achieve the target fully. The position as on 1-4-2000 is as below :-

Exchanges upgraded upto 1-4-2000	2224
Exchanges yet to be upgrades	2504

The remaining exchanges are expected to be upgraded by December, 2000.

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.